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Castlewoods Baptist Chapel, the new church-type mission in Rankin County, is shown with houses of the Castlewoods development in the background. Castlewoods is a new housing area east of Jackson on Highway 25.

## Castlewoods Chapel Opens

A product of the ministry of the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions is Castlewoods Baptist Chapel in Rankin County. J. C. Renfroe, director of missions for the association, found the plot in a rapidly growing area of the county and put \$5,000 down to hold the site.

Recognizing Rankin County as being the fastest growing area in the state at the time, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board supplied the remainder of the \$65,000 purchase price from state missions offering funds.

"We have been trying during the past few years to purchase church sites in the path of population growth," declared Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention. "The state missions offering has allowed us to do this with outstanding results in the way of initial church growth and the speedy establishment of a ministry in a community."

Castlewoods Baptist Chapel located near State Highway 25 just east of Jackson in Rankin County, began holding services Sunday in a mobile chapel belonging to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The chapel building will be used until the church-type mission of Flowood Baptist Church constructs its first building. Renfroe will serve as acting pastor initially.

Renfroe said, "Rankin Association is thankful for Mississippi Baptists, whose gifts through the State Missions Offering made it possible to secure the church site (5.263 acres) for the Lord's work to continue to advance in Rankin County. Due to the New Church Expansion plan of the Convention Board, the first property sold in the Castlewoods Development was for a church site."

He added that worship services will be held at Castlewoods chapel each Sunday at 8:30 a.m.



## Baptists Discuss Joint Work

A group of black National Baptist leaders met last week with Earl Kelly and staffers of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) to discuss possibilities of a joint evangelistic venture over the next two years.

The joint venture will possibly include a statewide rally of National and Southern Baptists, the training of pastors and laypersons in witnessing techniques, ending with simultaneous evangelistic crusades over the state in April 1979.

Earl Kelly and Richard Porter, president of East Mississippi Missionary Baptist Convention, were elected co-chairmen for the efforts.

A meeting of the presidents of the National Baptist Conventions and their evangelism directors plus their counterparts in Southern Baptist structures, have scheduled their next meeting for Sept. 29 in Jackson.

## In Three State Parks

## Retreats Include Professors

The fall Pastor - Missionary Retreats will take place in mid-September at three Mississippi state parks: Wall Doxey, Paul Johnson, and Roosevelt.



Features  
"What  
The  
Bible  
Says..."

## Advertisers Drop 'Soap' Sponsorship

NASHVILLE (BP) — Ten of the 11 advertisers listed by Television Digest as the scheduled sponsors of ABC-TV's "Soap" series have indicated that they will not sponsor the new show — at least temporarily, according to reports received by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

The Christian Life Commission sent letters to each of the advertisers asking the companies to withdraw sponsorship if they actually planned to purchase commercial time during the show.

Two of the original sponsors said they have removed their names from the list of advertisers for the present, but that decision could change after further evaluation.

Officials from Warner-Lambert indicated that the company will delay a decision until November to allow for more time to "properly evaluate" the program's content, while American Home Products said it will evaluate "Soap" week by week.

The only corporation still listed as a

sponsor for the first episode of "Soap" is Timex.

A "No Soap" coalition of 10 national religious and civic groups has also been formed in an attempt to pressure ABC into cancelling the show.

Companies listed in Television Digest which have chosen not to advertise on the show are Datsun, Keyser-Roth Hosiery, Lever Brothers, Miller Brewing, Pfizer, Revlon and Volkswagen.

And a spokesman from American Motors told the Christian Life Commission that his company is working with an advertising agency to cancel its commercial participation in "Soap."

Officials from several of the companies said that the decision to withdraw sponsorship was based on post-screening judgments that "Soap" did not fit the requirements of "good taste" included in the companies' advertising policies.

Officials of Revlon and Volkswagen said that Television Digest has erroneously listed them as sponsors.



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Sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the retreats are planned for two days of Bible study, Bible-centered messages and Christian fellowship.

The Wall Doxey State Park (Holly Springs) meeting will be Sept. 15-16; the Paul Johnson State Park (Hattiesburg) meeting will be Sept. 19-20; and the Roosevelt State Park (Morton) meeting will be Sept. 22-23.

Each person attending needs to bring linens, pillow, towels, bath cloths, and other personal items. Meals and lodging will be paid by the Cooperative Missions Department, but reservations must be made in advance.

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# Mississippians Asked To Give 75,000 Books

To collect from 50,000 to 75,000 books from Baptists in Mississippi is the objective of the Brotherhood-sponsored project, "Books for Christian Service." The Steering Committee for the project got together for a luncheon meeting at the Baptist Building Monday, August 22, to make final plans.

"The books will be used to establish or enhance libraries at home and abroad where the libraries can be used as an instrument of Christian witness," Paul Harrell, state Brotherhood director, said.

Harrell added that the books will be mailed to selected pastors and church leaders in the United States, as well as to selected English-speaking Christian leaders in other countries.

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, chairman of the Steering Committee, suggested a minimum goal of one or two books from every church family. "Mississippi Baptists have thousands of volumes of books on their shelves that could be used for a meaningful purpose," he said. Church staffs, including librarians, will work to select from their church libraries, church offices, and Sunday School departments books that can be recycled for the project.

The Steering Committee compiled a list of the types of books needed. They included Bible commentaries, Bible study books, Bible history, books for children, biographies, old Sunday School commentaries, used Bibles, philosophy, mystery, age group characteristic books, fiction (if it is good wholesome reading), books on Christian living, National Geographic, readers' Digest Condensed Books.

The committee also set target dates for initiation and completion of the project.

September 25 is the day suggested as "Books for Christian Service" Awareness Sunday. On that date the pastor should seek to help his church become aware of the project, and help the church leaders to become involved in it. (Letters will be written to pastors and associational leaders, giving more details about this.)

Sunday, October 9, is the target date the committee decided upon for families and individuals to begin collecting and bringing books to place in containers set in church vestibules or other designated spots. Books are to be brought each Sunday throughout October.

October 30 is the deadline for completing the book collection — the date all books should be in the containers, ready to be boxed for delivery to Jackson.

Everyone who comes to the 1977 Brotherhood Rally November 14 at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, should deliver boxes of books there, where a van will be ready to receive them, rain or shine. Try to have them there by 4:30 or 5 p.m.

November 15, persons attending the first day's sessions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention may deliver books to First Church, Jackson, where the van will be parked and waiting for them.

It is estimated that 12,000 to 15,000 books are needed for the Bahamas, 35,000 for Korea, 15,000 for the United States, and 10,000 for other countries. These books will be used generally for the following purposes:

"To permit Mississippi Baptist college libraries to select books they might want.

"To give to National Baptist churches in the state books that they would request for their libraries.

"To establish or add to at least 50 libraries in pioneer churches in the U.S. (For instance, Ken Lyle, minister of Associational Services, Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, has said he could easily distribute 40 to 50 sets of 25 to 30 books to individual pastors and to relatively new churches.)

"To mail about 40 Bible study books to every pastor in the Bahamas (about 300) and Jamaica.

"To send 25 to 40 Bible study books, along with concordances, Bible commentaries, etc. to every English-speaking pastor, seminary student and Bible school student associated with the Baptist group in Korea (about 800).

"To send books to English-speaking pastors in the Philippines, Ghana, Liberia, and other countries."

Those on the Steering Committee, in addition to Cooper, are Gene Triggs, Yazoo City, promotion; Marvin Graham, Mt. Olive, finance; J. T. Gilbert, Jackson, storage; Leo Moore, Jackson, receiving; and Owen Gregory, Jackson, processing.

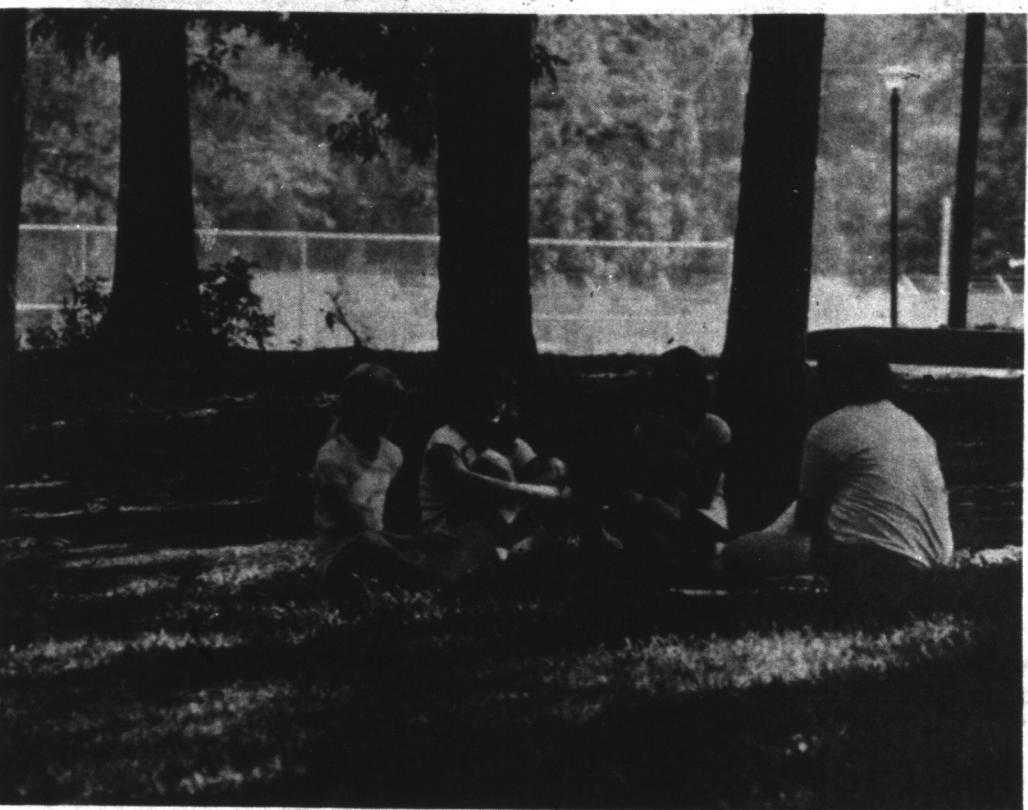
The project is to be funded by private contributions. Distribution of the books is expected to be completed by the end of four to six months.

The Processing Committee, Owen Gregory, chairman, will see that the books reach their specific destinations. Members of this committee will enlist and maintain work groups, primarily among senior adults, to package the books for mailing. They will cull inappropriate books and assort the volumes into categories for shipping, according to directions of the Steering Committee.



## CAMPS REGISTER DECISIONS

Approximately 2,156 RAs, GAs, Acteens, and their counselors attended Baptist camps in the state this summer. The 650 boys registered 58 professions of faith, 65 rededications, and 22 church-vocational commitments. The 261 Acteens and 1,167 GAs registered 53 professions of faith, 11 commitments to mission service, and 61 rededications. The RA camps are sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department. The GA and Acteen camps are sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.



## State Mission.

(Continued from page 1)  
This is a plea for every church in the state to engage in that season of prayer and to be an active participant in the Margaret Lackey Offering. The goal is \$275,000, and every bit of that amount is needed for the Lord's causes in Mississippi.

## Board Votes

(Continued from page 1)  
"Conservation moved across the entire Baptist family," said Kelly. He estimated that the 1977 income would fall short of budget plans by \$600,000. This is 7.5 percent above the 1976 income for Convention-wide causes.

In view of budget directions in 1977, the 1978 budget which directors passed is only \$236,000 more than the 1977 budget. It includes a basic budget of \$8,362,000 and an advance budget of \$274,000, totalling \$8,636,000.

Christian education in the state is slated to receive \$1.5 million; the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center will receive \$20,000 for education and \$45,000 for hardship assistance. Children's Village gets \$165,000; the Ministerial Education Board gets \$47,500; Christian Action — \$75,000; Baptist Foundation — \$65,767; Historical Commission — \$20,799; and the Mississippi Baptist Seminary gets \$69,176.

Board programs are budgeted to receive in 1978 \$2,645,707, and Board administration and promotion receive \$279,183. A complete itemization of the entire budget is shown at left.

Another \$2,625,668 is slated for Southern Baptist Convention causes outside the state. This brings program causes up to a total of \$7,558,800.

Capital needs are budgeted \$300,000 for Christian education, \$55,000 for Mississippi Baptist Hospital; \$200,000 for Gulfshore Assembly; \$148,200 for the Baptist Building in Jackson; and \$100,000 for student centers in the state. Capital needs total \$803,200.

The advance budget is set up for use of funds which exceed a Cooperative Program income of \$8,362,000. Funds in excess of this amount will go as follows: \$55,000 to Christian education; \$6,682 to hardship assistance at the medical center; \$10,000 to the Children's Village; \$5,000 to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation; \$59,462 to Gulfshore development; and \$137,000 to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

In other action the Convention Board voted to:

— give authority to the Gulfshore construction committee to have two residences on the property renovated for no more than \$40,000;

— to allow expenditures of up to \$250,000 for furnishings and equipment for Gulfshore Assembly, which is approximately \$100,000 more than was earlier expected;

— to approve a 6.88 percent cost-of-living increase in the 1978 salary administration budget; plus a maximum 3 percent merit increase;

— to lower possible retirement age of Board employees from age 62 to age 60 with modified benefits;

— to expand the Music Specialist program in lieu of filling a staff consultant vacancy;

— to approve job descriptions for a manager of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly and superintendent of the Central Hills Retreat.

## "Pull Together" Cooperative Program Is Witnessing Tool

By Earl Kelly

Among the souvenirs Mrs. Kelly and I brought home from our world mission tour is a document signed by the Minister of Tourism and Wildlife in Kenya, M. J. Ogotu. The signature is in Swahili, but he signs off with the word HARAMBEE. The word means "pulling together."

President Mzee Jomo Kenyatta has used the concept expressed by the word to produce a remarkable unity out of contrasts. The contrasts are seen in the 40 tribes that make up the 12,500,000 population. They speak Kikuyu, Banti, Swahili, and English. Their living conditions range from modern Nairobi with its beautiful Kenyatta Conference Center and modern hotels to the mud huts with thatched roofs along the banks of the crocodile infested Uaso Nyiro River.

A few hours drive separates one from the Aberdare Range — some of the loveliest mountains in the world, and the great rift that begins above the Sea of Galilee and runs south on into Mozambique. The contrasts and numbers of wild life are unbelievable. Zebra, impala, gazelle, and wildebeest can be seen grazing side by side. A baboon may climb upon your Land-Rover and study you intently as you pull off the road to watch black rhinoceros lumber by you on one side while a tiny dik-dik trots along on his pencil-like antelope legs under a bush on the other side.

There is the ever present sign of the kill of a lioness whose head can be spotted in the tall grass, and the earth's greatest tree top nibbler, the giraffe, trimming the flat-topped Acacia trees. You are apt to encounter herds of elephants high up in the Aberdare forests or semi-desert region at Samburu.

The beauty of the colorful splashes of bright colorful African dresses accentuates the black faces of Kenya's women who can be seen carrying unbelievably heavy loads on their heads and backs to the market. They are often seen walking in a line of wives who follow their common husband. He takes care of the important things, like

carrying a walking stick. In worship there are contrasts — the silver-domed Khoja Mosque on Government Road, the self-sustaining Baptist church where Jimmy Hooten preaches to a congregation as cosmopolitan as the United Nations, or the sacred tree standing on the assembly property at Limuru worshipped at one time by the animists.

All these contrasts fade into insignificance with the contrasts between my personal commitment and the commitment of the Mississippi people we support through the Cooperative



Van and Gwen Payne, center, are completing their two-year stretch as journeymen in Kenya. Both are Mississippians, he from Lucedale and she from Jackson.

## Target Dates: Books For Christian Service

September 25 — Observe "Books for Christian Service" Awareness Sunday.  
October 9 — Begin collection of books.  
October 30 — Complete the collection of books.  
November 14 — Attend Brotherhood Rally, and deliver boxes of books to Broadmoor Church, Jackson.  
November 15 — Attend Mississippi Baptist Convention and deliver boxes of books to First Church, Jackson.

| PROGRAM NEEDS — BASIC BUDGET   |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES  |                    |
| Christian Education  | \$1,500,000        |
| Miss. Baptist Medical Center   | 1,500,000          |
| Alcoholic Treatment Center   | 42,500             |
| Education  | 20,000             |
| Hardship Assistance  | 45,000             |
| Children's Village   | 165,000            |
| Ministerial Education Board  | 47,500             |
| Christian Action   | 75,000             |
| Baptist Foundation   | 65,767             |
| Historical Commission  | 20,799             |
| Mississippi Baptist Seminary   | 69,176             |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$2,050,742</b> |
| BOARD PROGRAMS — BASIC BUDGET  |                    |
| Assemblies & Retreat Programming   | 40,000             |
| Program Director   | 41,403             |
| Youth Night  | 61,249             |
| Church Administration  | 4,600              |
| Church Architecture  | 49,674             |
| WMU (Operational)  | 24,384             |
| Sunday School  | 162,650            |
| Church Training  | 162,144            |
| Brotherhood  | 141,128            |
| Church Music   | 101,481            |
| Student Work   | 102,823            |
| Coop. Min. with Nat. Bapt.   | 303,882            |
| Evangelism   | 49,878             |
| Cooperative Missions   | 56,222             |
| Stewardship & Coop. Prog. Prom.  | 172,075            |
| Subsidies to Associations  | 108,100            |
| Church-Minister Relations  | 95,000             |
| General Services (includes Bldg. Maint., Bldg. Serv. & basic telephone charge) | 41,507             |
| Baptist Record   | 270,426            |
| Boswell Retardation Ministry   | 87,155             |
| Annuity Participation  | 900                |
| Social Security & Insurance (Board)  | 371,500            |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$2,548,788</b> |
| ADMINISTRATION — PROMOTION — BASIC BUDGET                                      |                    |
| Promotion and Miscellaneous  | 3,000              |
| Public Relations   | 10,000             |
| Convention Sessions  | 12,000             |
| Convention Annual, Diary, etc.   | 22,000             |
| Convention Bd. & Comm. Meetings  | 17,000             |
| Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Office   | 94,000             |
| Business Office  | 98,007             |
| Special Program-Promotion  | 112,028            |
| Executive Secretary Emeritus   | 16,062             |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$29,770</b>    |
| STATE CAUSES GRAND TOTAL   |                    |
| S & C CAUSES   | \$4,889,300        |
| Southern Baptist Convention  | \$2,007,500        |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL PROGRAM CAUSES</b>  | <b>\$7,496,800</b> |
| CAPITAL NEEDS — BASIC BUDGET   |                    |
| Christian Education  | \$300,000          |
| Mississippi Baptist Hospital   | 55,000             |
| Gulfshore Assembly   | 200,000            |
| Baptist Building   | 148,200            |
| Student Centers  | 100,000            |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL NEEDS</b>   | <b>\$803,200</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL BASIC BUDGET</b>  | <b>\$8,362,000</b> |

| ADVANCE BUDGET                       |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Christian Education                  | 12,000             |
| Alcoholic Treatment Center           | 7,500              |
| Hardship Assistance — Medical Center | —                  |
| Children's Village                   | 6,686              |
| Mississippi Baptist Foundation       | 10,000             |
| Gulfshore Development                | 5,000              |
| S & C Causes                         | 50,500             |
| <b>TOTAL ADVANCE BUDGET</b>          | <b>\$100,000</b>   |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL ALL CAUSES</b>        | <b>\$8,460,000</b> |
| <b>\$274,000</b>                     | <b>\$8,636,000</b> |

## "Joe The Baptist" Is Mission Rally Feature

Loyd Corder, featured speaker for the annual World Mission Rally, Saturday, September 10, at Camp Garaywa in Clinton, has an extensive history in missions.

Corder, director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Division of Associational Missions, has been with the Board since 1940 when he became pastor of Mexican Baptist Church in Uvalde, Tex.

A native of Lingo, N. M., Corder attended Howard Payne College in Brownwood, Tex., and Southwestern Seminary, in Ft. Worth. Other HMB missions jobs Corder has held include: superintendent of city missions in Houston, Tex.; superintendent of Spanish missions in the Southwest; secretary of what is now the Department of Language Missions for the HMB; and associate director of the division of missions at the HMB.

Corder travels with a longtime companion "Joe the Baptist", a wooden dummy he uses to effectively communicate his messages to adults and

youth alike. Fluent in the Spanish language, and pilot of his own plane, Corder is responsible for coordinating associational services with state convention boards in metropolitan missions, rural-urban missions and associational administration services.

The World Mission Rally, is an annual statewide event, co-sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union Departments.

It will begin at 10:30 a.m., and end at 2:30 p.m., on Saturday. Registration opens at 9:30 that morning with music and games for children starting at 10 o'clock.

The family-oriented rally will have separate programming for children with professional workers in preschool care provided.

Adults and youth will meet in small group mission conferences with several foreign missionaries at home on furlough, and with several home missionaries working in Mississippi.

The foreign missionaries include: Stanley and Glenna Stamps of Nicaragua; Bob and Flora Holifield of Italy; Jimmy and Zelma Foster of the Philippines; and James and Dottie Gilbert of Ecuador.

The home missionaries include: Frank and Lois Ruiz who work with the Spanish at Duncan; Paul and Fran Vandercook, working in language missions on the Gulf Coast; Dolton and Martha Haggan who work with the Choctaw Indians at Philadelphia; and David and Brenda Myers who work in Christian social ministries in Hinds County.

David and Laura Prevost will lead the music for the rally.

Pre-registration which costs \$3.00 for registration fee, lunch and insurance, is necessary in order to provide space and lunch. Garaywa is limited to only the first 300 people who register. Pre-registration deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 6 and the fee is not refundable after Sept. 8.

Send registrations to: World Mission Rally, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205. Indicate number and ages of persons coming.



Some of the conference leaders for the Woman's Missionary Union Camp held at Camp Garaywa last week gather before the opening session. Left to right are: Nettie Breland, Wilda Fancher, Debbie Anderson, and Ramona Wentworth. A total of 1,584 women came for training in the various areas of WMU work during the four days of camp and the special extension camps set up around the state.

## WMU Camp Meets



Ashley McCaleb of Hattiesburg, at far right, works a missions crossword puzzle with one of the women in the Acteens conference which was led by Mrs. McCaleb.

## Congregation Needs Involvement: Workshop

A creative worship workshop held August 22-23 at the Baptist Building in Jackson, drew participants. Designed by Leon Emery of the Church Administration - Pastoral Ministries Department of the Convention Board, the workshop offered a staggering array of ideas for making worship more effective.

Subjects included children's features, the call to worship, special occasions such as weddings and funerals, music, the invitation, and printed order of worship.

Leaders for the workshop included James Barry, church administration consultant for the Baptist Sunday

School Board in Nashville; Dan Hall, church music department director for the MBCB, and Dot Pray, part time staffer in the church music department.

Some comments from participants after the workshop ranged from "too much" to "too little" in content. One pastor said he had never realized the congregation needed to be more directly involved as participants instead of receivers in worship.

"This conference has served to open my eyes to unlimited worship potential," said another participant.

Another creative worship workshop is tentatively scheduled for next year.

## CHURCH PROGRAM

## Mid-September Officers' Meets Set In Six Cities

A series of associational officers' training conferences have been planned for mid-September by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The series, targeted for 18 separate associational groups, will be meeting for convenience of travel, in three northern and three southern cities in the state.

On Sept. 12, the meetings will be held at First Baptist Church, Wiggins, and First Baptist Church, Tupelo. The Sept. 13 meetings will be at First Baptist Church of Brookhaven, and First Baptist Church, Batesville. And on Sept. 15, the meetings will be at First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, and First Baptist Church, Newton.

Each meeting will offer specialized training for various associational positions. Those positions are director of missions and moderators, missions committee chairmen, and directors of evangelism. Sunday school officers will be offered five different meetings: general officers, adult directors, youth directors, children's directors, and preschool directors. Church training also offers five meetings: general of-

ficers, adult, youth, and children's directors, plus church recreational leaders. Other conferences include sessions for brotherhood directors, Baptist men's directors, RA directors, music officers, and pastor's conference leaders.

The series of training sessions will take place from 7:30-15 p.m. at each place. They have been planned by Chester Vaughn, program director of the Convention Board and directors of related departments.

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## The Missions Task Lord Of All Nations

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

The book of Psalms abounds in proclaiming that "all nations" are in the purpose of God. Passages assert that God is supreme over all the earth and to be feared by all. The earth is the Lord's, and those who dwell in it. (Ps. 24:1). Let all inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him (33:8). All nations shall come and worship before Thee (86:9). His righteousness is in the sight of the nations (98:2-3). He is exalted above all the peoples (99:1-2). From the rising of the sun to its setting, the Lord is high above all nations (113:3).

Throughout the Psalms calls to worship are addressed to the nations. "O clap your hands, all peoples . . . king over all the earth. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham" (47:9). "Bless our God, O peoples, and sound His praise abroad" (66:4,8). "Sing to the Lord, all the earth, tell of His glory among the nations, He will judge the peoples with equity" (96:1-12). "Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth" (98:2-4). "Praise the Lord, all nations; laud Him all peoples" (117:1).

The Psalmist also announces that Israel is to make God known to the nations. "I will give thanks to Thee among the nations" (18:49). "I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the peoples, I will sing praises to Thee among the nations" (57:9). "Make known His deeds among the peoples" (105:1). "I will give thanks to Thee among the peoples" (108:3).

Psalm 67 is a prayer for God's continued blessings upon His people, Israel, in order that His salvation may be known among all nations and all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

The Messianic Psalms speak and relate with special significance to Jesus and His disciples. Portrayed in Psalm 72 is the reign of the Righteous King, over all nations, as long as sun and moon endure, to the ends of the earth. So idealistic, it could only be fulfilled by the true Messiah.

Psalm 2, originally a coronation hymn, was probably applied by Jesus to Himself, as He heard the Father saying to Him: "Thou art my Son . . . ask of me, and I will give the nations as Thine inheritance, the ends of the earth as Thy possession" (See Acts 4:25).

The first verse quoted by Jesus on the cross is found in Psalm 22. Possibly the entire Psalm was in His consciousness at that time. Verses 9-21 were recognized as symbolically descriptive of His suffering (Matt. 27:35). Verses 27-31 may have contributed to His faith that His death would not be in vain, but that, as a result, "all the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will worship before Thee."

The Christ of the cross and the Great Commission was graphically pictured by the Psalmist centuries before His birth in Bethlehem. What He provided through His death He continues to share with repentant peoples everywhere as His servants circle the globe proclaiming in every way possible the gospel of the kingdom. We cannot, we will not, we must not fail in this golden opportunity never before afforded a generation of believers actually to share their faith with every living person on the face of the earth. (To be continued).

## Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Eighteen women associated with organizations that make up the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights complained in an open letter to President Jimmy Carter that he was imposing his "personal moral and theological beliefs" by his position restricting government spending for abortion. The women from 11 Christian and Jewish groups,

said that the President's position was "entirely inconsistent with the government's obligation to care for the needy, and disregards the fundamental principle of separation of church and state."

Geneva (RNS) — The Vatican will take part on a consultative basis in the work of all five regional economic commissions of the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (EC-SOC). Hitherto, the Vatican has used its consultative status only at the economic commission for Europe. By virtue of a proposal approved by EC-SOC, the Vatican will henceforth be able to take part in sessions of regional economic commissions for Asia and the Pacific, Latin America, Africa, and Western Asia. The proposal was introduced by Argentina, Australia, Colombia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, the Philippines and Togo.

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## Editorials

### State Missions

## Enthusiastic Response Needed

All across the nation Baptist people give attention to the work of state missions and promote offerings for the support of state missions during the early days of September.

This is one of the three special offerings that are made by Southern Baptist people annually, and this one is no less important than either of the other two, one of which is for nation-wide missions and the other for world-wide causes.

The season of prayer for state missions in Mississippi is Sept. 11 to 14. During this time the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions will be promoted, and Mississippi Baptists need to give attention to this offering so that it will be worthwhile.

Mission work is just as important in Mississippi as it is anywhere else in the nation. We help support it in California

and New York and everywhere else there is a missions need, so we need to be generous when we consider our own missions efforts. When we consider foreign mission work at Christmastime, we really get enthusiastic. That same enthusiasm needs to pervade in the state mission offering.

The goal is \$275,000. That's about 55 cents for each resident member. Of that total, \$100,000 will go for new church sites. This money is used to buy sites for churches in the paths of population growth before the land gets too high to be affordable. Often if it is not bought early it will not be available at all. The picture on Page 1 is of the new site where a church-type mission began meeting this week. This property was bought long before there was ever a house in the area. It was offered

in this planned development on a one-time, take it or leave it basis. With the help of state missions money Rankin County Association took it, and now houses are being completed and sold at a steady rate.

Another \$45,000 is for capital needs at Camp Garaywa, and \$45,000 will be earmarked for Central Hills Baptist Retreat when work gets under way again there.

Garaywa operations will get \$40,000. The remainder will go for pastor aid in the amount of \$9,000, church building aid in the amount of \$11,000, and \$25,000 for a disaster task force.

All of these are worthwhile causes. They need to be funded in the amounts projected. That can only happen if the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions is a success.

### TV Morality . . .

## Fork in the Road Nears

As the continuing drama of "Soap," rolls on, this new television series which ABC is threatening to turn loose on a sin-weary world could turn out to be the fork in the road that determines whether we move toward decency or debauchery.

"Soap" is bad; and in spite of the outcry from the public and even from some station managers, it seems that one man, Fred Silverman, is determined to thumb his nose at those intending to take the road toward decency.

He may win. He is the ABC president for entertainment, and he is wielding some great amount of power to get "Soap" on the air. If he gets it on, and he says he intends to regardless of circumstances, he feels he is assured of a great mass of the viewers for that time slot. He feels he will wipe out the competition. He might.

The issue is not just "Soap." We have been moving toward this fork for years, continually getting closer and closer as program writers ever explored the edges of tolerance and finding those edges continuing to stretch outward as they pioneered in new fields of sensuality.

The writer has seen a segment of "Soap," and what was seen was not fit to be dumped on society. The world seems to be wallowing in self indulgence already, and the only avenue of hope is get out of the pig sty and begin to live on a higher plane. To encourage a continuation of such a life style by promoting it as a comedy series would tend to defeat any efforts to arrive at a better life. The writers of "Soap" know what they are doing to society as well as anyone else, but they also know they stand to get paid handsomely for their efforts.

As we approach the fork in the road, "Soap" has become a symbol; and may we take it and use it for all it is worth. To be successful in keeping "Soap" off the air would not clean up television. If it is kept off, the battle must continue so that an atmosphere of decency can prevail. If "Soap" goes on the air, then the battle will be long and bitter.

We can't stop with "Soap." Recently during a vacation time for the writer the afternoon was made inactive by rain. I watched a soap opera. Now these things have been going on for 40 years and more, ever since a detergent company introduced its own Ma Perkins. They have been what they are now all along, and generations of people who happen to be home in the afternoon have grown up under their influence.

Either you control your TV or your TV will control you. Use these questions to help you make decisions about TV viewing.

### BEFORE A PROGRAM

1. Will watching this program represent responsible Christian stewardship for me?
2. Why am I considering watching this program?
3. What has this program been like in the past?
4. Is this a good way to be informed or entertained?
5. Would watching this program together help or hurt my family?

### DURING A PROGRAM

1. What moral values are promoted or undermined?
2. Is God's name profaned; is vulgar language used?
3. Is violence glorified; is sex exploited?
4. Are alcohol and other drugs glamorized or taken for granted?
5. Does this program make me more trusting or more suspicious of others?

### AFTER A PROGRAM

1. Am I a better person for having watched this program?
2. Was this a program that encouraged morality or immorality?
3. Should I consider watching this program again; why or why not?
4. How can I use this experience to honor God and help others?
5. Should I communicate my convictions about this program to advertisers or television people?

"So each of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12)

HELP FOR  
TELEVISION  
VIEWERS

## Guest Editorial

## Too Much Money?

Occasionally, someone will say, "The money received through the Cooperative Program is so great that no one knows what to do with it." The truth is that there has never been adequate money to meet our mission and evangelism needs. The Cooperative Program gifts are particularly critical now as we join in a world-wide Bold Mission effort which has as its objective the carrying of the gospel to every person in the world.

The Bold Mission strategy is a two-pronged effort. First, the Home Mission Board has set as its goal that every person in the United States will hear the gospel by 1980 and have opportunity to serve the Lord through a fellowship of New Testament believers. Second, the Foreign Mission Board has launched a strategy for preaching the gospel to every person

in the world by the year 2000.

These are difficult goals. The rapid increase of population makes it seem almost impossible. But if Baptists are faithful, funds, personnel, and prayer support will be made available to reach this scriptural goal.

Last year there were approximately 9000 students preparing for full-time religious vocational service in our six seminaries. This is the largest number of students training for religious service in the history of the world. Today we have the greatest opportunity for evangelism through the mass media that we have ever known. God is opening doors for our worldwide evangelistic thrust. But it will require faithful stewardship through the Cooperative Program.

Local congregations should remember that the Lord blesses

## Book Reviews

### GAMES FOR FUN by Mildred Wade

(Broadman, 78 pp., \$2.95.) Do you need a new, fascinating, entertaining, amusing, challenging game? You will find chapters on get acquainted games, indoor and outdoor games, pencil and paper games, games for special days and special programs. There are games for picnics, big and small groups, and fellowships.

### JANUARY BIBLE STUDY BOOKS

#### EXODUS: CALLED FOR REDEMPTIVE MISSION by Page H. Kelley (Convention, 144 pp., \$1.45)

The nine chapter titles are: An Oppressed People; God's Call and Man's Response; God Reveals His Power; God Saves His People; God Makes a Way; Pilgrimage in the Wilderness; Covenant and Commitment; The Moral Demand of the Covenant; and God's Presence with His Pilgrim People.

TEACHING GUIDE FOR EXODUS: CALLED FOR REDEMPTIVE MISSION by William G. Caldwell (31 pp., \$4.45) Provides teacher of adults with teaching procedures for the nine sessions.

STUDY GUIDE FOR EXODUS: CALLED FOR REDEMPTIVE MISSION by John T. Bunn and Gary L. Ellis (56 pp., \$5.50) On the left-hand side of each double-page spread, the text of Exodus, taken from the Revised Standard Version, is printed. At the bottom are study notes and on the right-hand page are learning activities.

### COMPANION TO BAPTIST HYMNAL by William J. Reynolds (Broadman, 480 pp., \$9.95)

This exciting book contains background information about the content of the Baptist Hymnal (published in 1975) — when and where texts and tunes were written, who authors and composers are, and some facts about why texts were written. There are three parts — Baptist Hymnody in America; Hymns and Tunes; and Authors, Composers, Sources. Ministers and congregational music leaders can gain new understanding of the rich treasury of devotion that is contained in the hymnal.

### HOW BLACK IS THE GOSPEL? by Tom Skinner (Trumpet, 127 pp., \$1.25)

Skinner found a gospel relevant to liberating the black man and his white brother, freeing them both to fight against injustice. A book intended for only those, no matter what the skin color, who are open enough to stand the truth.

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# Board Adds Literature, Raises Publication Prices

RIDGECREST (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, in their semiannual meeting here, approved a proposed Home Bible Study Series to provide study materials related to television and radio broadcasts.

Scheduled for release in September 1978, pending agreement with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, the curriculum will be offered free to broadcast audiences. A monthly manual is planned to present Bible material, background facts, enrichment material and life application ideas relating to Bible passages taught on the air.

Trustees also approved a "Bible Book Study Commentary" for use beginning April-June 1979, to provide additional resources for adult and youth teachers using the Bible Book Series.

A Spanish edition of "Sunday School Adults" was approved to provide Convention Uniform Series Sunday School materials beginning in September 1978, for adult class members in Spanish speaking Sunday Schools. The edition resulted from agreements reached with the Southern Baptist Foreign and Home Mission Boards in an attempt to better meet the needs of Spanish speaking people in the United States.

Trustees approved changes in the church literature pricing formula which will result in an average 10 percent increase in literature rates effective in April 1978. The last literature rate increase was implemented by the board in April 1976. Since that time the

Sunday School Board has absorbed inflationary costs of 11 to 13 percent. When the rate increase is implemented, the board will have completed two full years without a rate increase, said James W. Clark, the board's executive vice president.

According to a recent survey, Clark said, the board's literature prices "will remain highly competitive with

other publishers in the religious field."

"Moderate rate adjustments" were also approved by the board, Clark said, for first-class hotel rooms, apartments, and air conditioned rooms at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center; Chaparral rooms at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center; and conference service fees, effective June 1, 1978.



Jon Rivers, left, disc jockey for "Powerline," talks with Claude Cox, the show's writer and producer.

## Broadmoor To Offer Bible Survey

Broadmoor Church, Jackson, David Grant, pastor, will offer a 13-week program of Bible survey, beginning Sunday, Sept. 4, and going through November.

The first seven weeks will survey the Old Testament and the last six weeks will survey the New Testament. The time will be 6 p.m. each Sunday.

The on-going Church Training groups will be assigned to one of these groups and all others who would like to participate are urged to come.

Two groups will be held at the same time and led by Phil McCarty and Charles Davis of Mississippi College. The professors will be switched for the second survey study, allowing the pupils to hear both men.

McCarty joined the staff at MC in 1965 and is now full professor and head of the department of religious education.

Davis joined the staff at MC in 1973 as assistant professor of Bible in the Division of Religion. He came to the college from the pastorate of First Church, Crowley, La.



What does a mother do the first night all the little birds are really out of the nest?

First, she wipes away a few tears, swallows a bunch, and says, "You crazy lady, you've been looking forward to this for many years — why the tears?"

Who knows the why of a mother's tears?

Then she gets the broom and dust pan to sweep up the dust balls and other accumulative residue from the just-moved-out-of-closets and shelves.

She thinks, Only one bed to make now; I don't have to wash clothes every day; nor run the dishwasher twice a day; the phone will be quieter (I really doubt that, though, considering how often the boys call home); I'll sleep a little late tomorrow; the house will stay cleaner, if I ever get it clean.

She looks at the quilt on the frame and the scraps in the quilting box, at the picture in the crewel box, at the materials and patterns in the sewing drawers, at the paper, pens and typewriter on the desk and at the list of things to be written, at the house plants to be fed and brought in before summer ends, looks at the list of places she and her husband have always said they wanted to go when the boys were all gone, looks at the walls she plans to paint. And as she looks, she thinks, Now I can do all these things I have planned to do.

She wonders which books she will read of all the ones she has planned to read this fall. She looks around at all her leisure time left by the boys and they won't take much time.

She decides to begin by making a crewel picture for each of the three boys — just a little happy to put into the mail for each of them — small ones — they won't take much time.

Next, she looks at the calendar to see how much time will pass before each of them will get back home.

Then she resigns herself to the fact that she is incurably a mother. She will never get over being one.

"I wear this cross because I want people, in the business and out, to know where I stand," he said simply. "I'm not trying to prove anything, but I do want people to know that I, for one, believe it when I say that Christ really did live and that he lived a perfect life so he could die to cover all our imperfections."

"One of my goals in this business is to form an organization of Christian disc jockeys, somewhat like the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I have some Christian disc jockey friends and none of us like some of the lyrics in some of the songs we have to play on secular stations. And we don't care for a lot of the things that go on at conventions."

"Perhaps, if we could join forces, we could do something about some of the objectionable song lyrics. I like positive music and I like to talk about positive things. I think it's important on the shows I do to talk about things that count. That's not old-fashioned, it's just realistic."

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## MC Acquires Access To 800 Libraries

The Mississippi College Library Speed library will soon have immediate access to over 800 libraries throughout the United States through the use of a computer terminal to be installed this coming year.

The terminal, made possible by a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich., will be linked to the Ohio College Library Center (OCLC) via the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET). Through

SOLINET, the college will have immediate access to computerized catalog information from OCLC for any book listed in the Library of Congress or major academic school libraries throughout the country.

The OCLC system has an average of 1,200 entries each day, and that number is expected to increase as more libraries join the network.

The system, which has a data

bank of nearly three million books, may also be used to catalog serials, maps, manuscripts, sound recordings, music scores and audiovisual materials.

The actual transceiving device, consisting of telephone sets and a viewing screen, will be housed in the main library. However, the Mississippi College School of Law will also have access to the service.

## Pan American Divisions Voted, Laity Challenged

By Charlie Warren

ROI, Brazil (BP) — Participants of the Pan American Congress of Baptist Men meeting here voted to organize the Pan American Union of Baptist Men to include divisions of North America, the Caribbean and Latin America.

A constitution and bylaws were adopted and a committee, composed of three representatives from Brazil and one representative from each of the other countries, will work out the details of the area organizations.

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City was re-elected president of the organizations.

Some 500 persons registered for the week-long meeting in Niteroi's First Baptist Church, but 1,000 to 2,000 persons attended the evening sessions during the week.

Two mass rallies in Niteroi's Caio Martins Stadium, aired on nationwide television, climaxed the week as Brazilian pastor an evangelist Nilson Fanini preached. More than 16,500 attended a Sunday rally. Fifty professions of faith and 49 other decisions were recorded at the two rallies.

During the week, the delegates heard reports from each of the 15 coun-

tries represented, and 12 main speakers challenged them to be "new men for a new world," the theme for the congress.

The recently elected director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex., Aldo Broda, told the congress participants that before they understood the concept of the "laymen as minister," they must understand the "priesthood of the believer."

Broda, a Baptist layman from Argentina, explained, "No one can say, 'I can't minister . . . I don't have theological training for the priesthood . . . I haven't been set aside for the ministry.' We must each add our own special abilities so that our priesthood as believers will amplify the cause of Christ. Jesus came to seek and save the lost, but not just so they would come to church on Sundays. Not just so they will pray and give, but so they will be disciples."

The congress president, Owen Cooper, a former Southern Baptist Convention president, told the trilingual group that every person is important in God's sight because of their relationship with God, their unique indi-

vidual ability and because "God has commissioned each one of you to be his witness."

"If you are a believer, you are a child of God. And no child of God is unimportant," Cooper said in the presidential address.

He told of the attention that has been given to Amy Carter by the press and the American people. He said her importance is not a result of her own special abilities, but because of her relationship with the President of the United States.

"If the child of the President is important because of relationship, so much more is the child of God important," the retired industrialist said.

Cooper was re-elected president of the Pan American Union of Baptist Men. Daniel Piaxao, pastor of Iraja Baptist Church, Rio de Janeiro, was elected secretary and Aldo Broda was elected treasurer. Vice presidents elected were Ophira de Barros of Brazil; Ed Alexander of Canada; P. R. Figueiroa of Puerto Rico; Samuel Proto Gomes of Venezuela; Samuel Libert of Argentina; and William S. Rhodes of the United States.

## 900 Patients; 81 Converts

## 11th Laurel Dental Team Returns From Honduras

By Bert Jones

A 15-member dental mission team, including eight members of First Church, Laurel, have returned from a week of ministry in Honduras, Central America. Dr. Robert Holifield, dentist and Christian layman in Laurel's First Church, has headed this work in the poverty areas of Honduras for three years, and led this 11th team. The primary purpose of the work is to spread the wonderful good news that Jesus Christ is come to seek and to save those who are lost.

Five permanent dental stations have been established in the mountains of southwest Honduras for use by teams in ministering to the acute physical and spiritual needs of a wonderful gracious mountain folk.

The current team entered a new area of work by establishing a clinic in Las Animas, a village of some 500 or so persons. A small Baptist church was already meeting here as a result of persons saved in previous team mission work over the mountain in another village.

Persons saved in the previous mission work, after walking the miles over the mountain to have dental work done, had returned to their village of Las Animas and banded together to form a church. They had acquired a building for their worship and it was here the team set up the dental clinic.

During the week of ministry, Dr. Holifield and Dr. Frank Gilbert of Tennessee directed three dental students in ministering to the dental needs of over 400 patients. A medical team headed by Mr. and Mrs. William Wells, pharmacist, and Mrs. Verl Wood, nurse, ministered to well over 500 persons with medical needs. Many of these mountain folk walked miles and miles over mountain trails to gain physical relief.

Of course the opportunity to present Jesus Christ in His saving power is the purpose of all of this ministry and this was the reason Las Animas was chosen. God's Spirit was obviously already at work.

As associate pastor and minister of education of Laurel, First Church, I served as evangelist for the team. The crowds of waiting patients heard the gospel sung and preached and were given opportunity to respond to further counseling. Four members of the team worked hard learning hymns in Spanish in order to be better able to communicate God's love. Services were held nightly with several hundred in attendance each evening.

After every seat was taken, long before the service, many crowded in to stand while hosts of others crowded about the doors or waited patiently in the street to hear over the outdoor speaker. God worked in a mighty way and 81 persons invited the Lord Jesus to come into their hearts.

A beautiful open-air baptism service was held late in the week utilizing a cattle watering trough in a pasture on the outskirts of Las Animas. The National Christian leaders, each team member, and the small group of local Christians worked hard . . . churches and prayer chains at home prayed faithfully . . . and God poured out His Spirit.

The results of this week of dental mission work was no different than the great work of grace God has wrought through the previous ten mission trips. It is a wonderful experience to stand amazed in His presence and watch Him at work . . . pouring out His Spirit.

Laymen, pastors, music ministers, and others interested in future mission trips either in the way of participation or other support can contact Dr. Robert Holifield through First Baptist Church of Laurel, P. O. Box 2636.



Bert Jones of Laurel baptizes one of the 81 persons who made professions of faith in Christ, during the visit of a Laurel mission team to Honduras.



Dr. Robert Holifield, Laurel dentist, directs dental work in Honduras during week of mission ministry there.

# Strange For An Engineer To Study Theology?

By George M. Ingram  
Atlanta, Ga.

We were in a crowded classroom, pencils in hand, tape records working. Over forty of us were engaged in deep discussion about Paul's letter to the Romans and his feelings as he penned the ninth chapter. Suddenly I had the incongruous thought that if my favorite uncle in North Georgia could see me then, he would be speechless. Still he'd be able to comment, "It's a mighty strange thing to me that a civil engineer would leave his work and go traipsing around to study at a seminary when so many other laymen and self-appointed spokesmen are busy criticizing Baptist schools."

Perhaps such a statement has been made by someone, but certainly not by friends of mine! I have long been an advocate of the program and faculty at

Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and everyone around me knows it.

This story actually began about five years ago when a pastor friend of mine was invited by Duke McCall, president of Southern, to attend a week-long continuing education series of studies. My friend wanted to go but he needed encouragement. I agreed to drive him up if he could get me an invitation as well. He tried! But Dr. McCall, both gracious and firm, replied that the program was planned for (1) graduates of Southern Seminary and (2) ministers in churches.

Perhaps that should have stopped my interest in seminary study, but it didn't. And in December 1975 I attended my first continuing education course at Southern. October of this past year I was back for another series. A consulting civil engineer

needs more continuing theological education than the preachers because he has so much further to continue!

I have been asked numerous questions by both ministers and lay persons. It occurred to me that other laymen might be interested in my answers.

1. Does a layman enjoy himself in a study theology class?

You better believe he does, to use today's favorite expression! It's the most thrilling study I have ever been involved in.

2. Weren't you hopelessly lost in all that theological jargon?

Not at all. I was able to hold my own and participate in the discussions. After all, theology is just God-ology, the study of our knowledge about God, and every active Christian should have an understanding of what he believes and does.

3. What were the classroom schedules?

We met fifteen times during the week in courses offered by three separate professors. We had a lecture that lasted over one hour, followed by many questions and lively discussion. Many meetings lasted almost two hours.

4. Where did you live?

We were housed in Mullins Hall which has been converted to motel-type facilities. There are double rooms connected by a bathroom. Each of the rooms accommodates two persons. The linen and towels were furnished. Food was served cafeteria-style in the adjacent Sampey Hall.

5. What did you do during off time?

There was a class each evening, so we were not given much free time to do anything. The late evenings, until after eleven o'clock, were filled with fellowship discussions and usually ended with a trip to Howard Johnson's for ice cream. I found the men in the ministry to be very open in discussing their lives, their churches, and their concerns. Always, I have to thank God for men of the quality I find in his service.

6. Did you talk with any students?

Yes, I did. Perhaps I had an entree that others did not have. Students were always fascinated to find that I was an engineer. Perhaps that also enabled me to find out a great deal about them. Several theology students on the campus had left very lucrative careers and entered the seminary to give their life to Christ in a new way. It would be hard for anyone to dispute the reality of their committee."

Before each session we would be treated to a devotional by one or two of the students. Some would play and sing, while others would give their testimony. Each one was sincerely committed to going wherever Christ led and that was evident in their radiant personalities. We attended several chapel services and delighted in the organ music and the host of voices joined in song.

It would be appropriate for a layman who heads a consulting engineering firm to give his feelings about some of the criticism he has heard of our Baptist seminaries. I was shocked to hear one pastor say that some of his people are now asking, "Does anyone at the Southern Baptist seminaries still believe in the virgin birth and the deity of Christ?"

I want to answer that question loud and clear — for friends and critics



## 218 Attend Five Bible Conferences

Dean Hunter, minister of education for First Baptist Church of Pearl, (left) talks with Harper Shannon during a break in a session of the recent simultaneous area Bible conferences.

Shannon, pastor of Huffman Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., taught the study which took place at Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson. Others were held at FBC, Senatobia; FBC, Starkville; FBC, Hattiesburg; and FBC, Greenwood. A total of 218 persons registered for the five conferences which were held August 19-20.

The five conferences, sponsored by the convention board's Sunday School Department, were designed primarily for lay persons involved in teaching Sunday school. They were a special, one time, event.

## Parochial Aid

## Catholic Educators Look For More Aid To Schools

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Optimism and determination characterized the attitude of Roman Catholic educators for future advances in public aid for parochial schools. Two recent items point up this observation.

First is an article on "Events Indicate Tide Is Turning for Our Schools" by Leonard DeFiore, superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Washington, which includes the District of Columbia and five counties in Maryland. The article was published in the August 18 "Back to School Supplement" of the Catholic Standard, weekly newspaper of the archdiocese.

Second is a news release from the National Catholic Office for Information of the United States Catholic Conference (USCC), which sets forth efforts of the Federal Assistance Advisory Commission of the USCC to increase governmental services for nonpublic school students.

DeFiore discussed two sets of developments (one external and the other internal), which, he said, "signify to me a turning of the tide in support of Catholic education." He described local, state and national "occurrences" as "what might be the beginning of a reversal of public posture regarding Catholic schools."

Locally, DeFiore cited a "stunning victory" in Montgomery County, Md., for public busing of Catholic school children. He said that this local victory "opened the question at the state level as to whether or not busing is presently provided in an appropriate fashion."

On the state level, the Catholic educator was encouraged by the attitude of the Maryland state superintendent of schools, David Hornbeck. He said that the new state public school superintendent "sees himself being responsible for the welfare of all the children in the state of Maryland, and not just superintendent of public schools."

In another state, New Jersey, DeFiore pointed out that 45 legislators are co-sponsoring a referendum to the people "to see if they are interested in a voucher system." (Vouchers would be made out to parents by the state to be cashed in at the school of their choice — public, private or church.)

On the national level, he cited events in the Supreme Court and in the Congress. Concerning the recent Supreme Court decision in the Ohio parochial school aid case he said that it did not give the Catholic parents "immediate relief." But, he added, "It did indicate that the Supreme Court is finally getting the message that the people of this

country do want to support freedom of educational choice by parents."

Further, he stated, "This decision ends 30 years of court opinions which had frustrated legislators in their attempts to assist parents in educating their children in non-public schools."

Turning to Congress, DeFiore said that by the time school opens in September there will be more than 100 members of Congress sponsoring tax relief legislation in behalf of nonpublic school education.

He did not predict that this legislation would pass, but he did say that "with a swelling of support from the people, there is no telling what might occur."

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## Sex On Prime Time TV Subject of Monitoring

TUPELO, Miss. (RNS) — The National Federation for Decency (NFD) plans to monitor sexual content on prime-time network television beginning Sept. 4.

The Rev. Donald Wildmon, a United Methodist, who is an NFD executive director, said the results would give the public a list of networks and advertisers with the most sex-oriented programs.

Programs will also be ranked as to their "constructive contribution as entertainment and/or information," he said. The monitoring will last three months.

The NFD effort "will not duplicate the violence ratings of the National Citizens Committee for Broadcasting. They do an excellent job. But it will be interesting to compare the two lists after the rankings are complete," Mr. Wildmon added.

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## Older Adults Invited To Assemblies

Three conferences for older adults, one at Ridgecrest and the other two at Glorieta, are planned for the fall. A "Managing the Business Affairs of the Church" seminar for ministers will also be held in the fall at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The first Fall Glory Bible Conference, planned specifically for adults age 55 and up, will be held Sept. 19-23, at Ridgecrest.

The conference begins with the evening meal on Monday, Sept. 19, and concludes at noon on Friday, Sept. 23. Cost for the week for each person is \$106.75 for single occupancy and \$78.78 for double occupancy, and includes all conference center costs. This fee is refundable until 30 days prior to the conference.

To register for the Fall Glory Bible Conference, send a \$25 registration fee and the names of both occupants if a double room is registered to Fall Glory Bible Conference, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770.

Two "Aspen Bible Conferences" will be held for older adults at Glorieta Conference Center, Oct. 10-14 and Oct. 17-21.

This will mark the eighth straight year that the Bible study conferences have been scheduled when the aspen trees are at the peak of their fall color.

alike. I talked at length with at least eight of the professors and had classes under six others during my two visits. In many cases the conversation concerned doctrine and the Scriptures. I heard them over and over affirm every principle of Christian doctrine we hold to be basic. Repeatedly I heard both pupils and teacher alike magnify the deity of our Lord. I also spent time in the library reading books by the faculty. Again I found basic doctrines to be affirmed.

For years I have appreciated the sound scholarship of the *Review and Expositor* and *The Tie* from Southern and now I can add the names of our seminary professors to my prayer list and say, with Paul, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."

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4. Most Baptists are not groping for the necessities of life, they are being drowned in the luxuries of life.
5. Too many Baptists are trying to get more out of the world than there is in it.
6. Covetousness (which is idolatry) is as much with us today as it was in the day of Paul or Moses.
7. The Israelites, in the days of the prophets, did not completely forsake the formal worship of the Temple when they added idolatry to their lives. They tried to do both! Their imitators are with us in multitudes today, and many of them belong to Baptist churches.

When a pastor thinks about the giving needs of his people, he should realize that the basic question is the "God" question. Their lack of devoted giving is only a symptom of the spiritual disease called "covetousness" which is idolatry. Many Baptists today are just as idolatrous as were the people led by Moses or preached to by Paul. Only the names and shapes of the idols have changed. Burned into stone by the finger of God was the first commandment, "You may worship no other god than me." Proclaimed by Jesus was the plea, "Don't store up treasures here on earth where they can erode away or may be stolen. Store them in heaven where they will never lose their value, and are safe from thieves. If your profits are in heaven your heart will be there too."

Paul placed idolatry in rather rough company when he said "Away then with sinful, earthly things; deaden the evil desires lurking within you; have nothing to do with sexual sin, impurity, lust and shameful desires; DON'T WORSHIP THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE, FOR THIS IS IDOLATRY. God's terrible anger is upon those who do such things."

One of the greatest favors a pastor can do his people is to teach and lead them away from the world and toward commitment of their material possessions to God and his work through the church. This is not easy to do. People give up their idols with much crying and screaming!

To bring in the kingdom, there is needed one last great revival, a revival of stewardship. Will you be God's man in your church to help bring about this revival?

# Just For The Record



NORTH McCOMB CHURCH held a note burning service August 14 to celebrate the payment of church indebtedness. Participants in the note burning were, above: Floyd Lusk; Johnnie Biggers; W. E. Corkern of Hernando, a former pastor who was guest speaker for the evening service; and Joe H. Ratcliff, present pastor. Dinner was served on the grounds.

## Women's Temperance Leaders To Meet

The 91st annual meeting of the Mississippi Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held Saturday, September 10, at Salvation Army Division Headquarters, 1450 Riverside Drive in Jackson. Mrs. Robert E. Rodgers of Jackson, state president, has announced.

Registration and coffee will begin at 9 a.m., Mrs. Rodgers said.

The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a welcome by Mrs. Irene Fosness, Jackson. Mrs. C. E. Hamlet, Hattiesburg, will present special music. Devotions will be given by Mrs. Harlan

Cleveland, Jackson.

Playlets will be presented by the Ida McCool Loyal Temperance League of Jackson, directed by Mrs. Juarez Johnson and Mrs. A. R. McCool, and by the Columbus Loyal Temperance League of Columbus, directed by Mrs. Dean Harper.

Bruce Wideman, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, will give the address.

**Preacher Problems?** The problem with preachers today is they preach sermons, according to D. E. King, visiting professor of preaching on Southern Seminary's campus and also the pastor of a large black Baptist church in Chicago, Ill. "One of the great deterrents to preaching today is the preparation of a literary masterpiece which we prepare to suit the people instead of to glorify God," he asserted. "... the early Christian preachers preached Christ we preach sermons."

### Off The Record

BOB ORBEN: "I really worry about today's educational system. Would you believe that yesterday my eighteen year old, a college freshman, asked me who Macbeth was? Macbeth! It's ridiculous. All he had to do was look it up in the Bible."

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Built In 1856

## Clear Creek Will Dedicate Newly Renovated Sanctuary

Clear Creek Church, Lafayette Association will dedicate a recently renovated - restored sanctuary on September 4, Earl Kelly, executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be the featured speaker.

Music will be under direction of Donald Waller, music director, and Rebecca Briscoe, choir director, Kenneth McMiller is the pastor.

The activities will begin at 9:45 a.m. with Bible study. The morning worship service will follow at 11. Lunch will be in the grove if the weather permits and in the Fellowship Hall if it is raining. An afternoon service will begin at 2. At this service, former pastors, special guests and others will make short talks if they desire. Also on the program will be special music by the Youth and Adult Choirs of the church and a recognition of the building committees. The program will be concluded by a reading of the church history.

Clear Creek Church is one of the oldest churches in the northern part of the State. She was organized on August 12, 1836, by a group of settlers who had moved west of Oxford from Virginia. Elder Joseph Lane, the first pastor, and is said to have been the driving force behind the building of the present

sanctuary. The building was completed in 1856 and Lane died in December of that year. He had served as pastor of Clear Creek for 20 years. J. R. G. Hewlett, reared by Lane, served as the pastor for the next 30 years. It is said that he rode horseback from Arkansas to pastor the church for several years. Twenty-two other men have served over the 141 years that the church has existed.

On October 12, 1975 the church voted to enter a restoration - renovated program for the original church building. This was the first major renovation that the church sanctuary had received. The program began the first of February of 1976 with the sandblasting and tuck-pointing of the original brick. The bricks were sealed with a clear sealer for protection. The floor was replaced with a concrete floor and a central heating and cooling system was installed. The brick walls were replastered, treated for dampness,

If you wish to succeed in life, make perseverance, your bosom friend, experience your wise counselor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian genius. — JOSEPH ADDISON.



Clear Creek, Lafayette County, has restored renovated the sanctuary which was originally completed in 1856.

### Sunday School Lesson: Life And Work For September 4

## What's Wrong With Adultery?

Ex. 20:14; Matt. 5:27-28; I Cor. 6:12-20; I Thess. 4:1-5

By Bill Duncan,  
Long Beach, First

"Sex-centered society produces love-starved youth," so claimed Dr. Florence Clotheir, noted physician of Vassar College.

"Sex is presented to children as glamour, passion, or sentimental romance, not as part of a warm, fulfilling love relationship to be respected, gently nurtured and developed," Dr. Clotheir said.

"We have taught teens that girls must be beautiful, glamorous, mysterious, sophisticated and compliant... and that a boy must be devil - maybe who drinks and is very potent and masculine. Perhaps, as a reaction to this artificial mass-media stereotype, youth in its confusion has developed an almost morbid search for identity... In a sex saturated society, youth finds itself starved for love. Although nineteenth-century morality may be outdated, it did provide controls which allowed young people more time to grow up and less chance of being prematurely pressured into experience for which they were unprepared."

Elton Trueblood was right when he said, "Sexual corruption is one of the

chief symptoms of a sick and decaying society." Do you agree?

Thou shalt not commit adultery is an insistence that violation of the marital bonds is a sin against the Lord. The commandment assumes the sanctity of marriage as a divine institution subject to religious interpretation and control. The sanctity of marriage and the unity of the family are bound up in the control of sexual relations by marital bond.

Adultery in the Old Testament involved extramarital sexual relations. Jesus went beyond the literal letter of the law. He said that it was wrong to consider a woman "lustfully." In such cases, one had already committed adultery in his heart, the source of intellect or volitional decision. Jesus condemned an inner attitude of lust because of the direct relationship between motivation and deed. He also recognized that the way one felt toward another within his heart affected the individual himself. A lustful heart is self-destructive.

Faithfulness is an absolute pre-requisite to the fulfillment of God's will for marriage. Marriage is a sacred relationship. One is to live all of life within the will of God.

Prostitution is the most flagrant example of sex isolated from human feelings of warmth and dignity. Premarital sex and extramarital sexual

relations more often than not reflect the same failure to respect the personality of the individual involved. Sex separated from genuine interest, concern, mutuality and true love is no more than the self-centered satisfaction of one's own animal instincts.

Sex cannot be wholly repressed and no sensible person would want to repress it if he could. Sexual life can be a thing of very great beauty, an inspiration to countless men and women. This beauty comes neither by repression nor by unlimited expression but by discipline. Apart from disciplining the sex urge can become an ugly and a harmful thing, destroying both souls and bodies of the persons concerned.

The Biblical view point is that sex is a good gift from God. Like other good gifts, it can be abused. One purpose of most of the laws against sexual sin is an effort to protect the normal, wholesome, God approved expression of sex.

Real love is a slow growth coming from unity of life and purpose. Love is a product. It is a thing created by mutual service and sacrifice. Before marriage there is a certain amount of passion and the mutual attraction which is the possibility of love. The Hollywood mentality is in error because it supposes that this weak thing is love and that it is of primary worth. Real love hardly exists outside of marriage.

### Harmontown Gets "Puppet People"

Harmontown Church has been "filled to the brim" recently — the pews filled to capacity on Sundays and also on Wednesdays, with an average of 80 percent for prayer services each week.

An unusual Wednesday evening, August 10, brought forth 14 distinctive "new members," according to a spokesman for the church. The new members are puppets, donated to Harmontown by Mrs. Sue Johnson of Memphis who makes puppets and who made these specific puppets.

Pastor Don Stanfill and the young people of the church plan to add these "puppet people" to the church's ministry, in presentations to other churches, civic organizations, school and street ministries as a "unique way of presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ."

### Devotional

## Lesson In Geography

### The Mount Of Calvary

By James E. Scirratt, Pastor, Woodland Hills, Jackson

Since September is the month when school begins, the devotions this month will be on the theme of "Lessons." The lessons will be in geography, grammar, history, health, and art.

If someone were to ask you to name the most important geographical point in our world, would you hesitate? The Christian should not hesitate, for the most important geographical point in the world is Calvary. The hill of Calvary might seem insignificant to most of the world, but the events that took place there changed all of history.

At Calvary, God met man. Please notice the wording, God met man, not man met God. The initiative of the meeting was in God's hands. He chose the way and the place where He would meet man. We learned at Calvary that God meets man in love and grace and forgiveness.

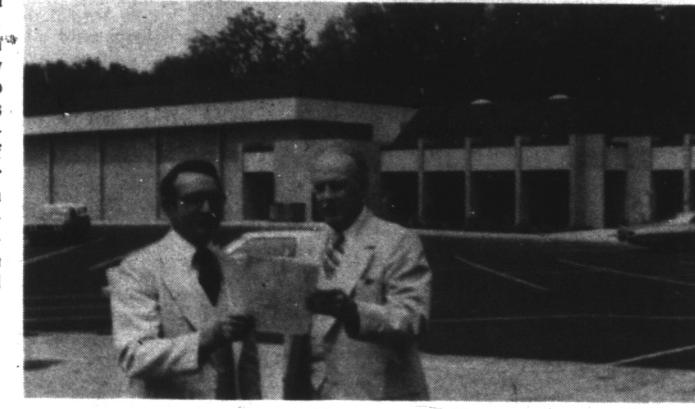
There have been many great meetings of history, but the meeting at Calvary was the most important for the Day of the Lord had come, and God came to meet man.

Calvary is geographically important because there the Saviour met sin. This little hill outside the city wall of Jerusalem seems an unlikely place for the Saviour and sin to meet. Calvary is the place of Roman crucifixions, the place of death. But then the scripture is recalled, "The wages of sin is death." The Saviour meets sin and pays the price of death for all men.

Another confrontation took place at Calvary, for love met hate. It seems unreasonable to think of these two terms meeting in one place, but at Calvary they met. The love of God confronted the hate of men. Throughout the history of Israel God had told His people that He loved them. This love is proven at Calvary, where love dies for the unlovable and the unlovable. The love of God is stronger than the hate of men.

There is another thing that is learned in the geography of Calvary: life meets death. The followers of Jesus are engulfed in the reality and sadness of death, the death of their Lord. But when Jesus cries, "It is finished!" death is conquered and life is assured. The disciples were soon to learn that the Lord conquered death and all who would believe in Him would live eternally.

Calvary is the geographical center of Christian faith.



First, Tupelo, Dedicates Building

Leland Cook, left, chairman of the building committee, and Bill Rittenhouse, pastor, look over a copy of the program for the dedication of the new activities building, shown to the rear, at First Baptist Church, Tupelo. Jack Harwell, editor of the CHRISTIAN INDEX, Georgia Baptist state paper, was the dedication speaker. One of the first functions in the new facility was a reception for Rittenhouse, the new pastor of the church, and Mrs. Rittenhouse. Rittenhouse went to the pastorate from an executive position with High Flight, a Christian witnessing ministry established by former astronaut Jim Erwin and based in Colorado.

## Lyman Calls Patrick Henry

Patrick Henry has been called as pastor of First Church of Lyman, on the Gulf Coast.

Henry, a graduate of Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C. and New Orleans Seminary, was ordained as a minister in 1958. He previously served as pastor at Goss Church, Columbia. He and his wife, Anne, also a graduate of Bob Jones University, have two children, Paul, 17, and Melanie, 9. They are residing at the pastorate on South Swan Road, Gulfport.

## O. L. Byrd Dies At 80

O. L. Byrd, 80, died at his home at Florence, on August 10, after a short illness. Funeral services were conducted by Roger Lee from Clear Branch Church on August 12. Burial was in Clear Branch Cemetery.

Byrd had been pastor of churches in Rankin, Simpson, Copiah, and Jeff Davis Counties for 37 years prior to his retirement several years ago.

He was a life long resident of the Clear Branch Community, having maintained his home there during his pastorate in other communities.

## Ackerman Choir Returns From First Tour

The Youth Choir of Ackerman Church, Ackerman, returned from their first choir tour August 6. On the tour they presented the musical, "Come Together," written by Jimmy and Carol Owens, to churches in Mathiston; Birmingham, Ala.; Eastman, and Atlanta, Ga.

The musical was directed by Donald Dukes.

Dan Thompson is the pastor.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

### Vance H. Dyess

Vance H. Dyess resigned as pastor of Raymond Road Church, Hinds County, effective July 31.

 due to his doctor's recommendation. Dyess is available for pulpit supply, interim pastorates, and other related services. He may be contacted at P. O. Box 40, Star, MS 39167 (phone 845-6216).

**Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holifield**, missionaries on furlough, are now living at 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson 39204 (phone 372-8393).

**King Baker, Luke Brewer, and Stan McMorris** were ordained as deacons of First Church of Summit in a special service, Sunday, August 28, at 2 p.m. Larry W. Fields is pastor.

### Kenneth E. Watkins

Kenneth E. Watkins, former Mississippian, was ordained to the gospel ministry by the University of Arkansas Baptist Church, at Fayetteville, August 7. Watkins served as associate director of the University of Arkansas Baptist Student Union for four and one-half years and has been director for the past six months. He is a graduate of Canton High School, Delta State University, and Midwestern Seminary. Married to the former Carole Dodd of Schlater, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Beuford L. Watkins of Ashland.

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**Bill Wilkerson** has accepted the pastorate of County Line Church in Attala Association and began his work on August 14. He moved to County Line from Neshoba Association.

### Cooper Arinder

 Two Mt. Vernon (Columbus) youth have recently surrendered to the ministry. Greg Cooper surrendered to the gospel ministry and Gary Arinder surrendered to the music ministry. Both young men, 17 years old, made public their decision recently. Charles M. Bagwell is pastor of the church.

**Mark Bell**, member of Carson Ridge (Attala) and employee of Kroger Grocery Stores for 22 years, has surrendered to the gospel ministry. Age 48, married and the father of three children, he preached his first sermon at Carson Ridge on August 14. C. C. Ard, pastor of the church, states that Bell will soon be licensed and is making plans to enter college this fall.

## Catholic Conference Blasts Television's "Ratings Game"

New York (RNS) — In a strong statement charging that the new ABC-TV series "Soap" directly contradicts television's status as a family medium, the U. S. Catholic Conference's Department of Communication said the series must be "publicly challenged" and removed from family television entertainment.

"Whether 'Soap' could be an adult character acceptable for adults, however, is not the issue," the statement continued. "The core question is whether such a series is consistent with television's traditional role of being a family entertainment medium."

Pointing out that family viewing is the "financial base" of the commercial television industry, the statement said both the public interest and the financial base are at stake when a network begins to "tamper" with the industry's traditional commitment to family viewing.

Noting that many ABC affiliates are still undecided about scheduling

"Soap," the statement said some have announced they will not carry the series. It added that one affiliate called the series a "new sewer" and another called it "a dirty joke" that one does not tell in a stranger's living room.

Concerning the "ratings game" which the USCC had in 1975 criticized as a "basic weakness of commercial television," the statement said "the case of 'Soap' may well reinforce doubts that commercial broadcasting is capable of self-regulation as long as the ratings game remains unchanged."

In calling for concerted action against the programming of "Soap," the USCC statement noted that the executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention wrote to the president of ABC-TV, urging him to "cancel this morally reprehensible program." The Baptists said that "Soap" is "an expression of contempt for healthy family life, decent morality and responsible sexual expression."

However, the statement said, ABC-TV is making every effort "to ensure that 'Soap' should be allowed to get into the Fall starting gate" and has withdrawn two episodes which had been screened by advertisers and affiliates. "They are attempting to sanitize the episodes," the statement added.

"ABC seems to be running a shell game," it continued. "Now you see it, now you don't." Criticism based on the original "Soap" episodes, which a number of Catholic officials have viewed, is now conveniently made to seem invalid."

The USCC statement, said the advertiser, the local station licensee and the public have a right to refuse this series and added that the business community has a special responsibility through their advertising dollars.

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